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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

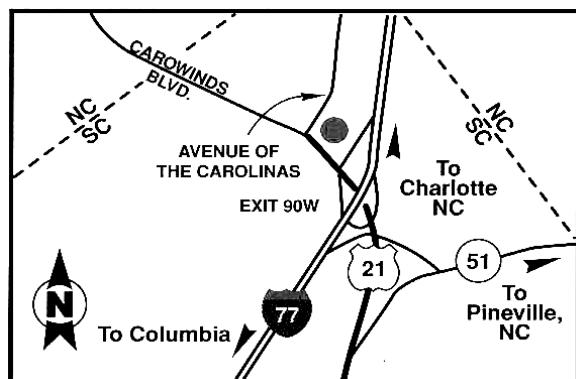
First, and most important, note that it is **time to pay dues for 2008**.

Please send your check, payable to CARTS, to treasurer Bob King. We currently have 37 paid members. Let's be sure we keep all those and add a few in 2008.

At our November meeting it was suggested we publish a membership list with addresses and collecting interests. This to facilitate trades, etc. If you would like to have your name included in this list, please include a note with your check stating your interests and your desire to be on the list. For privacy concerns only those people requesting such will be listed.

Next, note that our **next meeting** will be **May 10, 2008**. Mark your calendar! We will be meeting at the Comfort Inn Carowinds in Fort Mill, SC. You'll think you are in Charlotte but the folks at the Comfort Inn are very insistent. It's Fort Mills. Anyway, the Inn is at exit 90 on I-77 just barely south of Charlotte. It's hard to miss. Simply take Carowinds Blvd. west and turn right onto Avenue of the Carolinas. See the map below.

We'll repeat the directions, maybe with more detail in the May issue of *CARTSNEWS*.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all members of CARTS,

I hope you all had a nice holiday season. Perhaps Santa brought you some nice exnumia to play with on Christmas Day? No? Oh well, I'm sorry. I didn't get any goodies in my stocking either....

If you want to find some goodies this spring, though, please make plans to attend our spring meeting. See elsewhere in this issue for complete details, but just a quick mention here that it will be held on May 10th at the Comfort Inn in Fort Mill, S.C. (exit 90, I-77) just south of Charlotte.

Also, we can use more articles for the newsletter. Please take a few minutes to describe a recent purchase or flea market find. And who knows, you may stimulate some other collectors to offer you similar pieces! I hope to see you all at our meeting in May as well as at some of the upcoming coin shows.

Regards,
Tony Chibbaro, CARTS President

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Comments, suggestions, reactions, (maybe even) criticism, will be gratefully accepted. Let us know! **Articles, New Finds, Announcements, and Classifieds to Don Bailey only! Dues to Bob King only!**

NEW FIND: A VARIANT OF THE FORESTER'S NU-WAY TOKEN FROM NORTH WILKESBORO

Lamar Bland

We have previously known about the following Forester token:

FORESTER'S NU-WAY SERVICE / NORTH / WILKESBORO, / N.C. / , // GOOD ONLY WHEN RETURNED WITH BOTTLE / 5c / DEPOSIT (5c DEPOSIT INSIDE CIRCLE OF DOTS) – RD, BR, 23mm.

It was issued by “Tom” Forester, said to always be involved in civic concerns, particularly the effort to build the Kerr Scott dam for local flood control and recreation. He is pictured in this brochure from his effort to become a state senator.



As an entrepreneur, “Tom” owned the Nu-Way filling station, from as early as 1929 until the time of his death in 1945. The following photograph

indicates business conditions at the time of Nu-Way’s operation. It also touts the special feature of his business—the zoo, said to be at one time the largest private zoo in North Carolina.



The new Forester find shows:

FORESTER'S NU-WAY SERVICE (around a small florette, all of which encircles) NORTH / WILKESBORO / N.C. // GOOD ONLY WHEN RETURNED WITH BOTTLE (around 3 florettes, all of which encircles a smaller circle of dots) (Inside the smaller circle) 5c / DEPOSIT – RD, GREEN FIBER, 20 mm.



Is this token older than the previously known one? Is the fiber texture less expensive to mint, therefore indicating the Depression era? Is this an early pattern for the eventual metal token?

Or does fiber indicate a more recent date, with its allusion to a similar World War II ‘ration-token’ texture?

Special thanks to:

Roy Church, for the visuals he provided about Forester, his business, and the green fiber token.

Bob King, for his description of the metal Nu-Way token, and details of Forester’s business.

New Finds from South Carolina

Tony Chibbaro

Two new eBay finds were made during the latter part of 2007. The first new find was a maverick 10 cent aluminum token from the Sumter Lumber Company of Sumter, S.C. Measuring 22mm the token is most likely part of a set of several denominations issued by this company. The company operated a saw and planing mill from 1903 to 1910 and in the latter year was listed as having headquarters in Lynchburg, Virginia. The company disappears from the business directories starting with the 1911 edition, but two years later a new company named the Penn-Sumter Lumber Company, with headquarters in Philadelphia, appears. This company is listed through the 1924 directory and may have been formed by a buyout or merger with the aforementioned Sumter Lumber Company. This is the first token known from this company.



**22mm aluminum token
issued by Sumter Lumber Co.**

The second new find sports a 1909 Ingle System reverse and also appeared on eBay during the latter part of 2007. Issued by H. Kuck and Brother, made of brass or copper, and measuring 18mm, it is the first token to come to light from this company. The business operated a grocery store and meat counter in Charleston during 1914 and 1915. Tokens have been anticipated from this company ever since the Ingle System shipping ledger was discovered a few years ago, but none have been encountered until now. This company was one of many from South Carolina which was listed in that ledger as having ordered tokens from

the Ingle System, a prominent manufacturer of trade tokens in the early 1900s.



**18mm brass or copper token
issued by H. Kuck & Bro.**

20-Year Token Quest Comes to an End

Tony Chibbaro

Two issues ago I penned an article describing two tokens that were used in conjunction with J.P. Deaton and his Fairview Dairy that had operated near my childhood home. In this issue I would like to explore a new find which has a special connection to the home in Leesville, S.C. in which I lived from 1994 to 2003.

I first heard of the tokens of C.D. Barr in 1987 when I was puttering around in the local antique shops in "downtown" Leesville, South Carolina. The quaint little town had two shops which featured old stuff for sale, one being more of a second-hand store than a true antique shop. But the old man running the place had more than the usual blank stare when I asked him about tokens. "Barr money" he called them. "Used down the street at the store of C.D. Barr many years ago. Store's closed down now, but I remember my daddy talking about them." During the remainder of the conversation I learned that C.D. Barr had also run a sawmill and casket factory on the outskirts of town. And, most importantly, that his son, Clyde, still ran the funeral home in town. I hightailed it to the funeral home and the receptionist said that Mr. Barr was not

there, but was at home. After explaining to her why I wanted to speak to Mr. Barr, I was told that his home was just across the street and was encouraged to call upon him there. I promptly did so and was cordially invited inside and went through my spiel about collecting tokens and that I had heard that his father had used tokens in his business endeavors. He replied to me that this information was correct and that he thought he still had some of the tokens but would need some time to locate them. He instructed me to call him back in a few days.



Photo of C.D. Barr, circa 1940

After an anxious week I made the call and was crestfallen to hear that the tokens couldn't be found. I tried again in a month or so, with the same result. Three or four more calls over the intervening years never brought good news.

In 1993 my wife and I began attending a small church in the nearby town of Batesburg (actually the two towns have shared the same municipal government since the 1980s and both now go by the official name of Batesburg-Leesville). One Sunday, after dropping our son at Sunday school before regular services, she and I decided to drive around the area to see what was there. We drove the two short miles to the Leesville side of town and happened by a really neat looking house with a "for sale" sign in front, so we stopped for a look-see. It was apparent that the house was not being lived in at

the time, so this allowed us to get up close and peer in all the windows. The house was a large brick edifice with a slate roof built in an English Country style which we both liked. The next day we were given a tour by a real estate agent and were wowed by the interior of five bedrooms, large family room, dining room, and living room. A sun room with a functioning water fountain and a two-person elevator which stopped on all three floors were two very interesting aspects of the home. Hardwood floors were in evidence throughout the 5000+ square feet, even in both of the walk-in attics. The interior needed some work but my wife and I both fell in love with it immediately and, despite not having any intentions of selling our present home when we got out of the car on that fateful Sunday morning, had not only purchased this splendid house but had also sold the house in which we had been living, all within a time span of just four days.



Home built by C.D. Barr, Jr. in 1939

What I have left out until now is the fact that the house was built in 1939 by C.D. Barr, Jr., who was the brother of Clyde Barr and one of three sons of C.D. Barr, the token issuer mentioned above. Over the first couple of months after moving in, I scoured every inch of the house for the possibility that a token or two was in hiding. No luck. I did find some neat old 1920s-era billheads for several businesses in Leesville, including some for the C.D. Barr store, as well as some other memorabilia related to the store, but no tokens. Telephone calls to the former owner, who was C.D. Barr's great-granddaughter, as well as to all surviving family members were to no avail. In 1997 the building which housed the store underwent restoration and I had some hope that perhaps some tokens would be located during such. But two conversations with the building owner and the person doing the renovations were fruitless. After living in the home and the community for 9 years, we moved to downtown Columbia and I had truly given up hope of ever finding one of the tokens.....

WANTED

ANYTHING TO DO WITH L. BOCHE, LEO. KUEHL, LEO. KUEHL & SON, LEO. KUEHL & BRO.

Also any information, rubbings, scans, photos, etc. of above. Also want all transportation, carwash, parking tokens.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

ROY BYRD (ACCOMAC COUNTY, VA) 5 DIFFERENT CARDBOARD PICKER CHITS 1,2,5,10 & 20 QUARTS. \$10.00 & SASE. Insurance +\$ 1.65. Steven Kawalec Box 4281 Clifton, NJ 07012.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: DURHAM, N.C. "SMOKE BLACKWELL'S DURHAM" encircling a large bull. Green wooden tobacco token from 1880's. Scarce. Will include my *CARTSNEWS* article on "Bull Durham" tokens, which Blackwell's pioneers. \$20-\$25 value. blandl@elon.edu.

WANTED

MAVERICK TOKENS FROM PACOLET MANUFACTURING CO. OR CLIFTON MANUFACTURING CO. I will pay YOUR price for these tokens. Please contact: Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127 (chibbaro@mindspring.com) Phone: 803-252-1881.

I WANT EVERYTHING FROM AMES, IA; BOONE, IA; MADRID, IA; VISALIA, CA; AND COLORADO. John Kent, 6545 Northwind Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918, (719) 534-0455, tokent7@hotmail.com.

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